

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of October 26, 2015

Members in attendance: Doug Cowie, Heather Dudley-Tatman, Jeff Donald, Heather Gilbert, Emily Schmalzer, and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Bob Mantegari

Alternates in attendance: Reed Bunker

Public Present: None

Meeting convened at 5:15PM at 131 Pine Road

Gove Environmental and Eric Weinrieb of Atlas Engineering Inc. along with the owner of 131 Pine Road, Silver Granada Realty, LLC, were present to discuss the proposed development plans and to show the location of the wetlands subject to the proposed filling. The project proposes the filling of 9,970 square feet of vegetated wetland for the construction of a self storage facility. The wetlands would be filled in the vicinity of the buildings. Storm water from the roofs and asphalt pavement will be treated in swale and rain garden. In addition the existing developed area occupied by the Provider Bus Company will be improved so that storm water from the gravel parking lots will be treated by bio swale. The commission discussed plans and decided a site visit was in order.

The commission asked questions and decided to discuss the project at the November meeting.

Cowie moved to adjourn the meeting and Gilbert seconded and the motion passed.

At 5:35 Mantegari moved the meeting be reopened and Gilbert seconded and the motion passed.

As the zoning board of appeals will have a meeting on the proposed development prior to the commissions next meeting the commission decided to reopen the meeting and discuss the project now. The commission discussed storm water management and the use of best management practices. The ongoing maintenance and completing the recommended inspections of the storm water management systems was identified as a concern. Compensation for the filling of the wetland was discussed. Placing the approximately 1 acre land locked parcel of land owned by Silver Granada Realty, LLC into a conservation easement did not seem worth the monitoring efforts involved with the easement. The mitigation of the invasive species, phragmites was observed at the parcel, was discussed a compensation that would protect the adjacent wetlands.

Following discussion Cowie moved to authorize Wofchuck to prepare a letter to the zoning board of appeals indicated that we do not approve the project but that there are some recommendations to protect the adjacent wetlands. Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion passed.

At 5:45 Gilbert moved to adjourn the meeting and Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman